

Application No. 09/032,177, entitled "Method and System For Displaying Overlay Bars In A Digital Imaging Device" (P166), filed on the same date as the present application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-8, and 14.

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(Once amended) A method for controlling user interaction in a digital imaging device using dynamic overlay bars, the digital imaging device including a display, a first function key, and at least two operating modes for capturing, storing, and reviewing the images, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) displaying mode-specific information on a first overlay bar that is displayed translucently over a current image in the display;
- b) displaying a mode-specific function label corresponding to the first function key in a second overlay bar, wherein the mode-specific function label indicates which one of a plurality of predefined functions is assigned to the first function key;
- c) dynamically changing the mode-specific information and the mode-specific function label during operation of the digital imaging device to automatically guide a user through operation of the digital imaging device; and
- d) automatically changing the predefined function assigned to the first function key and the mode-specific function label based on conditions existing in the digital imaging device.

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(Once Amended) The method of claim 9 further including the step of:

- e) manually changing the predefined function assigned to the first function key by